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League City
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Other R1 Associations

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Port Arthur
Port Lavaca
Rye
Seabrook
Shenandoah
Silsbee
Smithville
Stafford
Tomball

Inactive R1 Associations

Rosenberg

The February Region One Meeting will be in Webster on February 12, 2011. Please plan to attend.

Convention News!!
Galveston, Moody Gardens, August 21-24, 2011
Sponsored by Region One.

There are a couple of items that need the immediate attention of Region One members.

Each Alumni Association needs to go to their members and request volunteers for the various duties listed on the attached “Honor Roll”. If you have already done this, make sure your volunteers are listed on the attached.

Each Alumni Association needs to take immediate action on signing up sponsors. See the solicitation letter elsewhere in this Flash. Potential sponsors make their budgets far ahead and now is the time to sign them up.

Even though the convention is not till August, it will be here before you know it. The time to act is now. Please plan to attend the Region One meetings and take part in the discussions and planning. Your input is needed.

Dues. Association dues of \$30.00 for 2011 are due as of January 1, 2011. Under our bylaws, a member association has a 90 day grace period to pay dues. After that (the end of March, 2011), they will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote. Individual dues are available for those whose home Alumni is not a member in good standing or who choose to participate in the individual group for \$10.00. Dues may be paid at the Region One meetings or mailed to Delores Gant, 2311 Anthony Lane, Pearland, Texas 77581-3710.

We need more news for the Flash and welcome any personal stories about law enforcement or CPA activities. These can be reported on an individual basis. Pictures would be great. Send to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com.

Sponsors are needed for the 2011 convention sponsored by Region One. See the solicitation letter elsewhere in this Flash. Potential sponsors make their budgets far ahead and now is the time to sign them up.

Schedule for 2011:

January 8 – Angleton

February 12 – Webster

March 12 – Houston

April 9 – Dickinson

May 14 – Harris County Sheriff

June 11 – Pearland*

July 9 – LaPorte

August 13 – Sugar Land*

September 10 – League City

October 8 – Montgomery County

November 12 – Texas City

December 10 –

*Will relinquish this spot if a member who has not hosted recently desires to do so.

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news via e-mail to dottie.duby@yahoo.com for the minutes and to charl.bill@yahoo.com for the Flash. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

Galveston County Sheriff. In December, the GCCSAAA teamed with the Sheriff's Office to distribute toys for approximately 300 children. Saturday we were in Bacliff servicing the Bacliff, San Leon and Dickinson area. Then Sunday we were in Santa Fe servicing the Santa Fe and Hitchcock area. Families were selected by school counselors according to need. The parents selected toys for their children while we kept the children busy visiting with Deputy Claus and decorating cookies which they then ate. Deputy Claus and Sheriff Poor handed out stuffed toys and candy canes. Horseshoes from the Heart was there to give the children a ride in a covered wagon, and the Beat the Heat Race Car was on display. At our December meeting, Lt. Tommy Hansen and officers from CID gave a presentation on the Baby Grace Case. The Citizen Sheriff's Academy Session #14 will begin January 18th at Clear Path Alternative School in League City. *Reported by Vicki Franzke*

Harris County Sheriff. **On November 4, 2010 the Harris County Sheriff's Office graduated 50 students from Basic Class #30 in Kingwood. Many of those graduates have already joined the Alumni Associations in their respective Districts of Harris County.

**The Harris County Sheriff's Office will begin Class #31 of the Citizens Police Academy on February 10, 2011 at Fairfield Baptist Church, 27240 Highway 290, Cypress, Texas. Deadline for registration is January 28, 2011.

**An Advanced Class will be presented on January 13, 2011 by HCSO Human Trafficking Unit.

**An Advanced Class will be presented on January 27, 2011 by HCSO Cold Case Unit.

**These classes will be held at Houston Transtar, 6922 Katy Rd., Houston, Texas. All classes, both Advanced Classes listed as well as the Basic Class in February, begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end approximately 9:30-10:00 p.m. Alumni from Region I are welcome to join us for these classes. Region I Alumni members are also welcome to drop in on the Basic Class, or to enroll for the whole class if interested. Please register with Deputy Brown at 281-647-9371, or email her at janet.brown@sheriff.hctx.net. *Reported by Deputy Jan Brown*

Houston. Our big event in December was participating in the Comida (Food) Drive to furnish food to 3,500 families over the holidays. This event was co-sponsored with the Houston Police Department and Ministers Against Crime. Over \$45,000.00 and over 300 boxes of food was collected over a four day period at 14 Fiesta Stores. The food was packed into 3,500 boxes over two days at the Pepsi Plant and distributed to the participating churches. We take great pride in participating in one of Houston's largest food drives. Our members were also participating in "No Refusal" nights over the holidays and in our many ongoing individual volunteer efforts with HPD. We collected toys for the "Blue Santa" program at our holiday party. We look forward to hosting Region One in March and wish everyone a Happy New Year and Best Wishes.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

League City. The months of Nov. and Dec. have been very busy for the LCCPAAA. During the week of Nov. 15th thru the 19th our members provided snacks for the League City PD at shift change. Each day at 6am, 2pm. and 10pm 2 members would take the treats to the officers. We received overwhelming thanks from them. On Dec. 4th we participated with the PD at League City's Holiday in the Park. We had a booth at the park in the morning selling raffle tickets and taking pictures with Blue Santa and, in the evening, driving our car in the parade and handing out candy to the kids with Blue Santa. Great fun was had by all. On Dec. 9th, at our meeting, we held the raffle for the Glock 9mm and it was won by one of our members, Ernest Rodriguez. The second place prize of a CHL class went to Keith Holubec and our own liaison officer, Capt. Pat Bittner, won the 3rd place prize of 2 hours of range time at the Arms Room. Thanks go to the Arms Room for their generosity. We sold over 500 tickets and received approx. \$2000.00. On Dec. 16th we provided a catered Christmas luncheon to be enjoyed by the Alumni and the Police Dept. We especially want to welcome the 16 graduates from Class 17 that joined the alumni. We're looking forward to great things in 2011. We now have our website up and working. Check it out at lccpaaa.com.

Reported by Sharon Pavey

Montgomery County Sheriff. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Citizens Academy Alumni Association did not hold a regular meeting during the month of December, but members continued serving as volunteers with activities such as Wreaths Across America--Houston, helping with various activities in county law enforcement offices, and serving food on New Year's Eve to law enforcement officers working DWI-No Refusal in the county. We look forward to having a full schedule beginning January. Happy New Year to all Region One members!!!

Reported by Charron Cales

Pearland. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is having a Happy New Year. Over the past year the PCPAAA donated over \$20,000.00 to the department. As you know, this money was used to purchase items the PD needed, but were not in the budget. CPA Class # 32 has five spots still available we have added a fourteenth week to the class.

WHEW! We made it through another busy season with our Christmas Parade, Toys for Tots, and the Christmas community events. **Toys For Tots Update:** This year the total collection was about \$9,000 Cash along with approximately 5,000 toys for the kids.

As you already know, the Pearland Oilers won their first ever 5A state championship in football. The city is planning a parade in their honor, scheduled for Jan 8th. We look forward to assisting with traffic detail and as needed.



HANDICAP ENFORCEMENT CPA Violation Statistics YTD Total 51,525.2

Volunteer Hours 2010

Jan/770.5 Feb/561 Mar/525 Apr/791 May/762 Jun/630 Jul/643 Aug/651.5 Sep/577.5 Oct/629 Nov/638.5 Dec/495

Total 2010 Recorded Volunteered Hours 7674

Pearland 2011 Board of Directors _

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Boring but important!

The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.

Don't miss a communication! *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.

WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year (included in Convention Registration).

Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are \$35.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org.

The address for the 2011 Convention is Convention 2011, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are David Miller, Pearland, sdmillers@yahoo.com And Charles Suderman, Dickinson, csud2@comcast.net.

The new address of the state organization is Texas CPAAA, c/o Dorris Murdock, 1400 Bradford Trace Drive, Allen, Texas 75002. The old address may appear on some forms

IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM.

New Direction for the war on terrorists.

Send Service Vets over 60.

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces think I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys.. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.

For starters:

Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds.. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry. We are impatient and maybe letting us kill somebody that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys always get up early to pee so what the heck. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical SOB.

If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at, and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. I can hear the Drill Sgt. In the New army now, Get down and give me ... ER ... One.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start up a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million p'd-off old men with attitude and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

If nothing else, put us on border patrol...we will have it secured the first night!

HONOR ROLL OF 2011 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

We are now taking names of volunteers for the Convention to be held in Galveston in 2011 and sponsored by Region One. We realize that circumstances may change and no one will be faulted if they cannot volunteer even though they signed up. So don't let that hold you back. **Sign up now so when we get there we can get off to a running start.** It will be here before you know it. Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any volunteers. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at sdmillers@yahoo.com.

Registration and Bags

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Meals and Ticket Takers

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Sponsors

Officer Certification (T-Close)

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Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)

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Website

Leo Waltz, Webster, 281-382-9107, leo@texascpaaa.org

One sometimes sees these exhausted, devoted, slightly drab parents, piling out of the car, and thinks, is all of this high level watching and steering and analyzing of our children really making anyone happier? Can we, for a moment, flash back to the benign neglect of the 1970s and 80s? I can remember my parents having parties, wild children running around until dark, catching fireflies. If these children helped themselves to three slices of cake, or carried cocktails to adults who were ever so slightly slurring their words, they were not noticed; they were loved, not monitored. Those warm summer nights of not being focused on were liberating. In the long, sticky hours of boredom, in the lonely, unsupervised, unstructured time, something blooms; it was in those margins that we became ourselves.

Katie Roiphe in the Financial Times.



TCPAAA Annual Training-Region One

P.O. Drawer 'V'

Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022

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www.tcpaaconvention.org

Greetings,

The Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association **Region One** is hosting the TCPAAA and Law Enforcement Annual Training in August of 2011 in Galveston, Texas. TCPAAA is made up of all Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations throughout the entire State Of Texas. **Region One** consists of over 20+ CPA's located on the upper Texas Coast from the Sabine River to approximately Victoria, Texas. There are over **150** chapters with well over **12000** members, state wide, that work though the year for local policing agencies and work with the officers, their families, and their communities.

Once a year, we come together as a group to share ideas, train on new procedures, and network for three days in order to better serve the communities in which we live. In 2011, we will be meeting in Galveston at Moody Gardens. We are expecting 400-500+ members and officers to attend. As you can imagine, this is not an inexpensive endeavor. We are asking our corporate friends and individuals to help us to defray the cost of this project.

Your generosity will allow us to bring in top quality speakers and guest trainers to help to make the annual training a great success. The theme of the Convention 2011 is Drug Awareness. We will be focusing on training our member CPA's on methods and programs that they can take back to their communities and implement to help reduce the drug problems throughout the State. There will also be classes to certify the Sworn Police Officers in procedures to organize and start more CPA groups.

Our donation levels are as follows:

- Chief \$20,000.00 +
- Captain \$10,000.00 to 20,000.00
- Lieutenant \$5,000.00 to 10,000.00
- Detective \$2,500.00 to 5,000.00
- Sergeant \$1,000.00 to 2,500.00
- Patrolman up to \$1,000.00

Any and all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to: [TCPAAA Convention 2011-Region One](#) and mailed to P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. TCPAAA Region 1 is a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization. Your help will be appreciated very much. God bless!

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